

Montana Statewide Assessment of Invasive Species

The Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council, established in 2014, was created to advise the Governor on a science-based, comprehensive program to identify, prevent, eliminate, reduce and mitigate the impacts of invasive species in Montana. The 21-member Council, appointed by the Governor, identified three priorities to achieve in the next two years, including an assessment of Montana's invasive species programs. We invite you to complete this survey because your organization was involved in invasive species prevention, management, monitoring or other efforts in 2015. Your input is critical to further understanding about how to improve Montana's invasive species programs. Thank you for your participation. Please complete and submit this survey by September 30, 2015.

Note: If you do not complete this survey in one sitting, you may return to the survey to complete it at a later date, however, you must use the same browser and computer that you used when you initially began completing the survey, as the survey data is saved into the local storage of your internet browser FOR TWO WEEKS. To access the survey, simply re-open the form hyperlink you were given when you were asked to complete the survey.

Contact Information

Full Name

First Name

Last Name

Organization

What best describes the entity you represent?

If you selected "other" in the question above, please explain.

Title

Address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

Postal / Zip Code

E-mail

Office Phone Number

Area Code

Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number

Area Code

Phone Number

Please describe the geographic scope of the program for which you are completing this form.

Please describe your organization's fiscal year.

Priorities

If you conducted invasive species work in your fiscal year 2015, please select the taxa associated with your activities: Check all that apply.

Aquatic invertebrates

Aquatic plants

Birds

Fish

Land invertebrates

Land plants

Mammals

Micro-organism

Reptiles

How do you prioritize your invasive species work, i.e., what criteria do you use to prioritize?

Considering all landscapes and habitat types, what were the top 10 species you spent time and money on in your fiscal year 2015?

If the species listed in the question above are not, from your perspective, priority species, list your top 10 priority species.

In fiscal year 2015, if there is a difference between the top 10 species you spent time and money on and your top 10 priority species, explain why that difference exists.

Please rank, from 1-8, with 1 being the most important and 8 being the least important, the following types of invasive species programs by their importance to the state of Montana. Note: "Early Detection" is surveying for new populations of invasive species. "Monitoring" involves surveillance of existing populations.

Rank

Monitoring or surveillance

Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR)

Prevention activities

Management or control activities

Outreach and education

Research

Coordination

Policy work

If you participated in EDRR in your fiscal year 2015, please list the species that were the focus of these EDRR efforts (you can separate species with a comma):

If there is anything else you wish to add about the species you work on, or invasive species priorities, please do so here.

Regulations and Policies

This section of the survey will help characterize the regulations and policies that guide your invasive species work.

List the federal, tribal sovereign nation, state, county, city, or local laws/policies that give you authority to engage in or guide your invasive species activities. Separate each with a comma.

Rate the effectiveness of the laws and regulations that govern your invasive species work/program in Montana.

Please describe any existing regulations pertaining to invasive species in Montana that need to be improved.

Does your organization have a management plan(s) or guidance document(s) that includes invasive species strategies/action items?

If you answered yes to the previous question, what is the name of the plan(s), and when was it last updated?

Is there anything else you would like to add relative to Montana's regulations and policies associated with invasive species?

Partnerships

This section includes a large table with organizations listed in this order: Federal Governments, Tribal Sovereign Nations, State Governments, Local Governments, Academia, and Nonprofit Organizations. If your organization had a formal partnership/cooperative agreement with any of these organizations in your fiscal year 2015, place one or more check marks in the row for that organization to indicate the types of activities that best pertain to the activities associated with that agreement.

	Monitoring or surveillance	EDRR	Prevention activities	Management or control activities	Outreach and education	Research	Coordination	Fundraising	Policy work	Other
Bonneville Power Administration										
Bureau of Indian Affairs										
Bureau of Land Management										
Bureau of Reclamation										
Department of Defense										
Environmental Protection Agency										
National Park Service										
National Science Foundation										
Natural Resources Conservation Service										
USDA-APHIS										
USDA-NIFA										
US Army Corps of Engineers										
US Fish and Wildlife Service										
US Forest Service										
US Geological Survey										
Blackfeet Nation										
Chippewa Cree Tribe										
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes										
Crow Nation										
Fort Peck Indian Community of Assiniboine and Sioux										
Fort Belknap Indian Community of Assiniboine and Gros Ventre										
Little Shell Chippewa Tribe										
Northern Cheyenne Tribe										
MT Dept. Agriculture										
MT Dept. Environmental Quality										
MT Dept. Fish, Wildlife & Parks										
MT Dept. Transportation										
MT Dept. Natural Resources & Conservation										
County government										
City government										
Local government										
Watershed councils										
Montana State University										
University of Montana										
Tribal college										
Junior colleges										
Alliance for Wild Rockies										
American Wildlands										
Citizens for a Better Flathead										
Clark Fork Coalition										
Cold Mountain, Cold Rivers										
Five Valleys Land Trust										
Flathead Lakers										
Flathead Resource Organization										
Greater Yellowstone Coalition										
Headwaters Montana										
Keystone Conservation										
Montana Audubon										
Montana River Action Network										
Montana Trout Unlimited										
Montana Water Trust										
National Wildlife Federation										
Nature Conservancy										
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation										
Sierra Club										
Wilderness Society										
Other										

Funding

This section is intended to capture that portion of your budget that was received and used only for invasive species. You need your program budget for invasive species in your fiscal year 2015 to complete this section. If you do not have actual figures, provide your best estimates. Fiscal years vary by organization. Use your organization's fiscal year. Use whole dollar amounts only, rounded to the nearest \$100. Include any administrative overhead costs as well as benefit costs (for personnel). The budget portion of the survey is divided into two sections - personnel costs and operational costs. We recognize that most entities do not budget according to the categories that may be listed below, therefore, please provide your best estimates. And remember, we are asking for the amount you spent and received for invasive species work only.

How would you describe the geographic scope of your budget. Please be as specific as possible.

Personnel (i.e., salaries and benefits)

Please estimate the total dollar amount of staff salaries (and benefits) for full and part-time staff that conducted invasive species work of any kind in fiscal year 2015. If staff worked only a portion of the time on invasive species, include that percentage of their salary and benefits.

If you entered a dollar amount in the previous question, please enter the estimated total percent of staff time dedicated to specific invasive species activities. The total should add up to 100. Percent of staff time dedicated to invasive species activities by category.

Monitoring or surveillance

EDRR

Prevention activities

Management or control activities

Outreach and education

Research

Effectiveness monitoring

Coordination

Fundraising

Policy Work

Other

Operational Expenditures

Estimate the total dollar amount for operational expenditures by category for invasive species during your fiscal year 2015. Note: This includes your entire budget for invasive species, excluding staff salaries and benefits.

Dollar Amount

Monitoring or surveillance

EDRR

Prevention activities

Management or control activities

Outreach and education

Research

Effectiveness monitoring

Coordination

Fundraising

Policy work

Other activities (state activity and \$ amount)

Organizations receive funding from a variety of sources. Please list any funding you received in your fiscal year 2015 from any organization for the purpose of conducting invasive species activities. Please list the organization and the total dollar amount. If you received funding from more than one source in your fiscal year 2015, please separate the sources and dollar amounts with a semi-colon.

Did your fiscal 2015 program budget include any funding that was disbursed to another organization, such as a grant program? If so, please list the recipients of these fiscal 2015 budget funds and the total dollar amount.

If your program uses volunteers to implement invasive species activities, please estimate the total number of volunteer hours contributed in your fiscal year 2015 and the source of those volunteer hours..

If there is anything else you would like to add relative to your program budget for invasive species, please do so here.

Evaluating Program Effectiveness

How do you evaluate the effectiveness of your invasive species efforts? Check all that apply.

Compliance monitoring

Conduct cross-benefit analysis

Conduct opinion surveys

Do not evaluate program effectiveness

Effectiveness monitoring (evaluating the success in meeting objectives)

Met the requirements of a contract/agreement

Outcome-based performance objectives

Please describe up to three strengths relative to your organization and its invasive species activities.

Please describe up to three weaknesses relative to your organization and its invasive species activities.

If you would like to add any additional comments relative to evaluating your invasive species program effectiveness, please do so here.

Challenges

Please rank from 1-10, with 1 being the most important and 10 being the least important, the obstacles you face in being able to effectively implement your invasive species program. Please ensure you place a different number in each of the 10 boxes below.

Rank

Coordination

Economic impacts

Effective databases

Funding

Landowner involvement

Laws and regulations

Political will

Public awareness

Scientific understanding

Technical expertise

Are there other obstacles not included in the list above that you believe are important? If so, please describe.

If you could do one thing to improve how Montana addresses invasive species or an individual invasive species program, what would it be?

Thank you for taking the time and making the effort to complete this survey. The Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council sincerely appreciates your commitment to the health of Montana's natural resources by preventing introductions and the spread of invasive species.

Please join the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council April 12-13, 2016 to learn about assessment findings and plan for effective invasive species prevention and control in Montana.